

# Winter Use Plan and EIS

## Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

### John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway



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The National Park Service (NPS) has begun preparation of a long-term plan for managing winter recreational use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. The next public comment opportunity will be when the Draft EIS is released in late - summer 2006.

#### **WHY ANOTHER EIS?**

The Temporary Winter Use EA is only intended to guide winter management for three winter seasons; this winter is the second season of operation under the temporary EA. During this three year period, the EA states that the NPS will prepare a long - term analysis on winter use in the parks.

#### **CURRENT WORK**

The NPS is developing preliminary alternatives for the DEIS. These emerging alternatives will be made available to the public in mid- March through a newsletter, as well as posting on the winter use website. Additionally, the NPS will host two open-house meetings in March to present and discuss these emerging alternatives.

#### **Who**

Representatives from Yellowstone and Grand Teton parks will attend the open house meetings, and Cadence, Inc. will participate as both facilitators and event organizers. The expected principal audience includes representatives of cooperating agencies and non-governmental interest groups who have been participating in the winter use planning process to date. Anyone with an interest is welcome.

#### **WHY**

The open house format provides an opportunity to roll out emerging alternatives and will create an environment that is valuable for everyone who makes the effort to attend – yet is not a burdensome obligation for participation. It also allows for immediate feedback and dialog with NPS staff.

#### **WHAT**

A brief NPS presentation, followed by an open house. The open house will allow the public to review the preliminary alternatives that the NPS may evaluate in the DEIS. It will also provide the NPS with an opportunity to hear substantial or unanticipated concerns about the emerging alternatives. The presentation will also be available on the winter use website, and a newsletter describing the preliminary alternatives will be mailed in mid- March; this will enable those who can not attend an open house to access the same information at their convenience.

#### **WHEN AND WHERE**

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 from 3- 7 pm  
Best Western GranTree Inn  
1325 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Bozeman, Montana  
406- 587- 5621 or 800- 624- 5865

Thursday, March 16, 2006 from 3 - 7 pm  
Snow King Resort  
400 East Snow King Avenue  
Jackson, Wyoming  
307- 733- 5200 or 800- 522- 5464

**For more information, please visit:** [www.nps.gov/yell/winteruse.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/winteruse.htm)

You may also contact Yellowstone National Park at: 307-244-2019.